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Subject: Welcoming Susan Laessig as OC/MAMPD's Acting Chief of the Pesticides, Waste and Toxics Branch

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Susan Laessig has joined us as the Acting Chief of the Pesticides, Waste and Toxics Branch in the Monitoring, Assistance and Media Programs Division (MAMPD). I am very tardy in announcing her arrival as she has been with us for the past month!. Susan will be on detail with us until the end of August. In her new role, she will be leading the Pesticide, Waste and Toxics Branch whose portfolio includes supporting: development of inspection targeting tools and strategies, inspection and compliance monitoring guidance, training, standard operating procedures, and tools for regional/state/local/tribal FIFRA, TSCA, and RCRA inspectors; regulation development; National Compliance Initiatives; national compliance monitoring policy and commitments; FIFRA foreign establishment registration and reporting process (Section 7); management of FIFRA and TSCA enforcement program grants; and direct implementation of the Good Laboratory Practices (GLP) Inspection Program.

Susan Laessig comes to us from the Risk Assessment Division in the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, OPPT where she is an Associate Branch Chief. She has over 17 years of experience in environmental science policy and the impacts of exposures to industrial chemicals on human and ecological health. Since 2004, she has worked as a toxicologist at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the Office of Research and Development, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, and has done two details in the Office of Water. Prior to joining the EPA, Susan worked at Sciences International, Inc. as a toxicology consultant analyzing federal and state regulations and performing risk assessments and technical reviews. Susan completed a PhD and MS at the University of Maryland, Baltimore in Toxicology where she performed research on the effects of environmental contaminants on prenatal development.

Susan is sitting in 7117C WJCS. Please welcome her to OC!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Helene Ambrosino for serving as the Acting Chief PWTB for three months. Her excellent leadership skills and knowledge of the programs helped keep us on track with the work in the Branch while we were recruiting for this detail.

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